

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 8, line 20 please replace "vive" with -vice-.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

In Figure 2, please approve the changes shown in red, namely, the addition of reference numeral -75-.

IN THE CLAIMS:

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect the claims of Group I as defined by the Examiner, namely claims 1 to 16 and 24 to 30.

Please cancel claims 13 and 17-23 without prejudice, with reservation of all rights to further prosecute these claims.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. A gas treatment apparatus for reducing [the] a hazardous gas content of an effluent from a process chamber, the gas treatment apparatus comprising:

(a) an exhaust tube [for exhausting the] through which effluent from the process chamber may be flowed; and

(b) [a gas energizer for energizing] a microwave energy applicator to couple microwaves to the effluent flowing through [in] the exhaust tube to reduce the hazardous gas content of the effluent.

2. The gas treatment apparatus of claim 1 wherein the exhaust tube comprises a length that is sufficiently long to reduce the hazardous gas content of a continuous stream of effluent flowing through the exhaust tube without [recirculation] recirculating the effluent in the exhaust tube.